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Newsletter - Friday 22nd January 2021

Remote Learning:

Participation with remote learning continues to remain high across the school, which is great! Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

It is extremely important that the children continue to engage with the activities that the staff are setting. We are trying to keep the learning/feedback fresh and personal. Staff will be trying out recorded videos and adding voice notes to PowerPoints to ensure your children remain engaged. We will also be varying the activities set to ensure access to a broad curriculum offer and to ensure there is a balance of tasks to complete offline. We want all children to remain active and have periods of time away from the computer - please do try Mr Cook's P.E videos.

It is also important that your child is reading every day. Staff will be posting reading links on Showbie for the children to read and access.

Please can we ask that you only upload a photo of your children's work and not a photograph of your child. Please click this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30EP3dYu9Q> to watch a YouTube video of how Showbie can be accessed via an Xbox or PlayStation.

Online Safety:

An E-Safety folder has been shared with the children on Showbie with suitable activities for the children to complete and think about as they are spending time on devices. Children's online safety is extremely important and they must know how to keep themselves safe.

Parents/carers have been emailed National Online Safety guides with helpful tips about online safety. If you have any queries about online safety or would like further advice please access the school [website](#) or email your child's teacher using the year group email address.

Talking to your child about what they see, what they do and what they access on line is extremely important. To continually have this conversation will educate them in the safe ways of learning as we all navigate our way through the digital world in which we find ourselves.

Advice on setting parental controls on devices has also been shared - these were sent on Christmas Day in case children had received new devices as presents.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

Fit for Life:

On Monday, Mr Cook is starting a PE program on Showbie called 'Fit for Life.' This program is for children in Years 1 to 6. More information will be available on Showbie on Monday morning. Mr Cook will also be posting daily challenge videos for your children to enjoy.

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Safeguarding:

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any of our children, please contact Mrs Murray on 07469 402630.

February half term:

School closes for February half term on Friday 12th February and re-opens on Monday 22nd February.



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